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(590.076)

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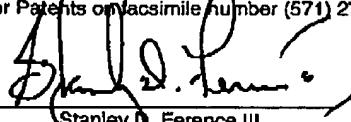
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In re Application of : Chaudhari et al.  
Serial No. : 10/042,827 Examiner : M. Pierre  
Filed : January 4, 2002 Art Unit : 2654  
For : EFFICIENT RECURSIVE CLUSTERING BASED  
ON A SPLITTING FUNCTION DERIVED FROM  
SUCCESSIVE EIGEN-DECOMPOSITIONS

December 12, 2005

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being transmitted by facsimile to the Commissioner for Patents on facsimile number (571) 273-8300 on December 12, 2005.

  
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December 12, 2005  
Date of Signature

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petitions for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) month through and including December 12, 2005 (the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday or Sunday), to respond to the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2005. If an additional extension of time is required to insure that this paper is timely filed, please consider this a petition therefor.

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The Response for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

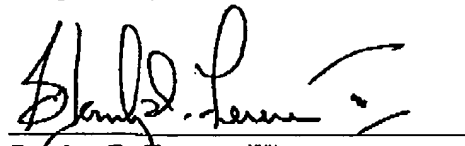
Applicant is other than a small entity and the extension fee required under 37

C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d) is calculated below:

	large entity	small entity
( X ) one month	\$120	\$60
( ) two months	\$450	\$225
( ) three months	\$1,020	\$510
( ) four months	\$1,590	\$795
( ) five months	\$2,160	\$1,080

Please charge **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510** in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the extension of time fee for one (1) month. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510** as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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